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AD HOC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE ON PROJECT AQUATONE (ARC)

**Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 328
Administration Building, Central Intelligence Agency
at 2:30 p.m., 13 March 1957**

**James O. Reber
Chairman**

P R E S E N T

Col. William A. Dodds, OACSI
Major J. P. Ruppert, OACSI
Capt. George M. Clifford, ONI
Comdr. J. M. Larsen, ONI
Major Donald Conroy, USMC
Col. James H. Macia, Jr., AFOIN
Mr. Paul J. Nelson, AFOIN
Major Robert J. Coursey, AFOIN

Requirements for the C Configuration

1. The Project Intelligence Officer, [REDACTED] indicated that the C configuration was expected to be operational about 1 June 1957 and that it would be helpful to Operations to have requirements for the use of the C configuration by 15 May 1957.

2. It was the wish of the Committee that prior to attempting to develop requirements for this configuration there should be a briefing indicating its capabilities; otherwise, the requirements could not be meaningful. The Chairman requested the representative from HTAUTOMAT to be in touch with the office of Operations to arrange for securing illustrative materials at such time as Operations believed that it had completed the testing program and to arrange for a briefing on the capabilities of the C configuration for those interested in the community much as had been earlier presented [REDACTED]

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Question of Establishment of [REDACTED]

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3. The Air Force representative, Colonel Macia, agreed to prepare for consideration of the Committee such amendment of the SOP for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as would be required in the new situation in the Far East for a possible [REDACTED]. Colonel Macia outlined the probable greater need of Far East materials in the theatre than is the case of materials thus far achieved in the European theatre for the command there. He also indicated problems of delay arising from the greater distances involved if indeed there were to be no [REDACTED]. He agreed also to prepare a draft cover memorandum which would outline considerations which he was discussing.

4. The Chairman stated that as soon as he received Colonel Macia's papers and discussed them preliminarily with the Air Force they would be presented for the views of the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee. He emphasized that at this time our approach is not one of having decided an [REDACTED] ought to be established but rather exploring whether it would be wise.

Prints for the Navy European CINCs from [REDACTED]

5. Captain Clifford recalled that the Ad Hoc Requirements Committee had disapproved the making of extra prints at [REDACTED] for the use of theatre CINCs prior to dispatch of the original negative to the ZI. After some discussion, the Chairman suggested that the Air Force insure that the commander at [REDACTED] is entirely clear on the needs for service and delivery of materials from [REDACTED] and that such questions as this one be then settled by the [REDACTED] commander within the perimeters established by the ZI.

Sanitisation of [REDACTED] Reports to Theatre CINCs

6. The Air Force representative, Colonel Macia, agreed to look into the Navy's complaint with regard to the failure of the [REDACTED] centers to issue an [REDACTED] TS NOFORN to the theatre CINCs as is permitted by the SOP.

High Priority Target List

7. The corrections to the latest draft on the Western USSR targets were registered with [REDACTED] of HTAUTOMAT who will now produce the final copy.

8. A redraft will be made on the basis of corrections on the Far East high priority list.

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9. Final action on the Satellite high priority list was postponed pending further study and clarification as to the criteria which would guide the selection of targets for the Satellites. The Chairman said that he would, as a step toward meeting the views of the Committee, prepare for the next meeting a draft of a transmittal memorandum.

JAMES Q. REBER
Chairman

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